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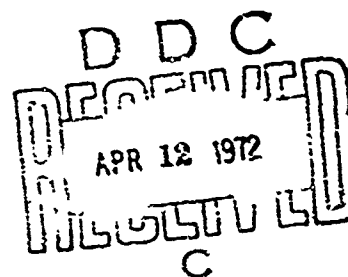
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1. Introduction. Consider a sequence  $\{X_i = (X_{i1}, \dots, X_{ip})', i \geq 1\}$  of independent and identically distributed stochastic  $p(>1)$ -vectors, defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ , with each  $X_i$  having a continuous distribution function (df)  $F(x)$ ,  $x \in R^p$ , the  $p$ -dimensional Euclidean space. We denote the marginal df of  $X_{ij}$  by  $F_{[j]}$ , let  $Y_{ij} = F_{[j]}(X_{ij})$ ,  $j=1, \dots, p$ ,  $Y_i = (Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{ip})'$ ,  $i \geq 1$ ,  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_p)'$ , and define

$$G(t) = P\{Y_{ij} \leq t_j, j=1, \dots, p\}, t \in E^p,$$

where  $E^p = \{t: 0 \leq t_j \leq 1, j=1, \dots, p\}$ . Then, the empirical df for  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad G_n(t) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n c(t - Y_i), t \in E^p,$$

where  $c(u) = 1$  iff  $u_j \geq 0$ ,  $j=1, \dots, p$ ; otherwise,  $c(u) = 0$ . Consider then the empirical process

$$(1.3) \quad W_n(t) = n^{1/2}[G_n(t) - G(t)], t \in E^p,$$

and denote by

$$(1.4) \quad W_n = \{W_n(t): t \in E^p\}.$$

For  $p=1$ , it is well-known that  $W_n$  weakly converges to a Brownian motion  $W^0 = \{W^0(t): 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ . For  $p \geq 1$ , on the space  $D^p[0,1]$  of all real functions on  $E^p$  with no discontinuities of the second kind,  $W_n$  converges in distribution (in the (extended) Skorokhod  $J_1$ -topology) to an appropriate Gaussian function,

say,  $W = \{W(\underline{t}) : \underline{t} \in E^p\}$ , where  $E[W(\underline{t})] = 0$ , and

$$(1.5) \quad E[W(\underline{s})W(\underline{t})] = G(\underline{t} \wedge \underline{s}) - G(\underline{t})G(\underline{s}), \quad \underline{t}, \underline{s} \in E^p,$$

and  $\underline{t} \wedge \underline{s} = (t_1 \wedge s_1, \dots, t_p \wedge s_p)$ , where  $a \wedge b = \min(a, b)$ ; we refer to Neuhaus (1971) who also reviews the earlier literature.

Let now  $\{N_v, v \geq 1\}$  be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables, such that

$$(1.6) \quad v^{-1}N_v \rightarrow \xi, \text{ in probability, as } v \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $\xi$  is a positive random variable defined on the same probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$ .

For  $p=1$ , Pyke (1968) has shown that under (1.6),  $W_{N_v}$  converges in law to  $W^0$ ; his result is extended here to the general multivariate case.

Theorem 1. Under (1.6), for every  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$W_{N_v} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} W, \text{ in the Skorokhod } J_1\text{-typology on } D^p[0,1].$$

The proof is outlined in section 3. Whereas, Pyke's arguments rely heavily on the properties of an equivalently defined Poisson process (which may become quite complicated for  $p \geq 1$ ), our approach is based on a simple semi-martingale property of the Kolmogorov supremum, which is considered first in section 2.

2. Some preliminary results. For two real valued functions  $Z(\underline{t})$  and  $Z^*(\underline{t})$ , defined on  $E^p$ , we let

$$(2.1) \quad \rho(Z, Z^*) = \sup\{|Z(\underline{t}) - Z^*(\underline{t})| : \underline{t} \in E^p\},$$

and for every  $n \geq 1$ , let

$$(2.2) \quad W_n^+ = \sup\{W_n(t) : t \in E^P\}, \quad W_n^- = \sup\{-W_n(t) : t \in E^P\};$$

$$(2.3) \quad W_n^* = \max\{W_n^+, W_n^-\} = \rho(W_n, 0).$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , so that  $\mathcal{F}_n$  is  $\uparrow$  in  $n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ).

Then, we have the following

Lemma 2.1.  $\{n^{1/2}W_n^+, \mathcal{F}_n; n \geq 1\}$  and  $\{n^{1/2}W_n^-, \mathcal{F}_n; n \geq 1\}$  are both non-negative semi-martingale sequences.

Proof. We only prove the result for  $W_n^+$ , as the other follows similarly. Note that  $W_n^+$  is, by definition, non-negative [as  $W_n(t) \geq 0$  for  $t=0$  or  $t=1$ ]. Let  $t_n^0 \in E^P$  be a point such that

$$(2.4) \quad W_n^+ = W_n(t_n^0); \quad t_n^0 \text{ need not be unique.}$$

Then, by definition,

$$(2.5) \quad (n+1)^{1/2}W_{n+1}^+ = (n+1)^{1/2} \sup_{t \in E^P} W_{n+1}(t) \geq (n+1)^{1/2}W_{n+1}(t_n^0),$$

so that, by (1.2), (1.3) and (2.5), for every  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.6) \quad E\{(n+1)^{1/2}W_{n+1}^+ | \mathcal{F}_n\} &\geq E\{(n+1)^{1/2}W_{n+1}(t_n^0) | \mathcal{F}_n\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} E\{[c(t_n^0 - Y_i) - G(t_n^0)] | \mathcal{F}_n\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [c(t_n^0 - Y_i) - G(t_n^0)] + E\{[c(t_n^0 - Y_{n+1}) - G(t_n^0)] | \mathcal{F}_n\} \\ &= n^{1/2}W_n^+ + 0 = n^{1/2}W_n^+, \end{aligned}$$

as, given  $\mathcal{F}_n$ ,  $c(t_n^0 - Y_{n+1})$  assumes the values 1 and 0 with respective conditional probabilities  $G(t_n^0)$  and  $1-G(t_n^0)$ . Q.E.D.

Lemma 2.2. For every  $n \geq 1$ , there exist two positive constants  $c_0$  and  $c_1$ , independent of  $n$ , such that

$$(2.7) \quad E\{(W_n^+)^2\} \leq c_0/c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad E\{(W_n^-)^2\} \leq c_0/c_1.$$

Proof. By partial integration,

$$(2.8) \quad E\{(W_n^+)^2\} = 2 \int_0^\infty x P\{W_n^+ > x\} dx,$$

where by Theorem 1 of Kiefer and Wolfowitz (1958), for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad P\{W_n^+ > x\} < c_0 \exp\{-c_1 x^2\} \text{ for all } x \geq 0.$$

Consequently, by (2.8) and (2.9),  $E\{(W_n^+)^2\} \leq c_0/c_1$ . The other result follows similarly.

Lemma 2.3. For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive  $K_\epsilon (< \infty)$ , such that for every  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(2.10) \quad P\{\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (k/n)^{1/2} \rho(W_k, 0) > K_\epsilon\} < \epsilon.$$

Proof. By (2.3), for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & P\{\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (k/n)^{1/2} \rho(W_k, 0) > K_\epsilon\} \\ & \leq P\{\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} k^{1/2} W_k^+ > \frac{1}{2} K_\epsilon\} + P\{\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} k^{1/2} W_k^- > \frac{1}{2} K_\epsilon\}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence, by Lemma 2.1 along with the Kolmogorov inequality for semi-martingales

[viz., Feller (1966, p. 235)], the right hand side of (2.11) is bounded above by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad & (nK_\epsilon^2)^{-1} [nE\{(W_n^+)^2\} + nE\{(W_n^-)^2\}] \\
 & = [E\{(W_n^+)^2\} + E\{(W_n^-)^2\}]/K_\epsilon^2 \\
 & \leq 2c_0/c_1 K_\epsilon^2, \text{ by Lemma 2.2.}
 \end{aligned}$$

The proof then follows by selecting  $K_\epsilon > [2c_0/c_1 \epsilon]^{1/2}$ . Q.E.D.

Lemma 2.4. (Uniform continuity in probability). For every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  and an  $n_0(\epsilon, \eta)$ , such that for  $n > n_0(\epsilon, \eta)$ ,

$$(2.13) \quad P\left\{k: \max_{|k-n| < \delta n} \rho(W_k, W_n) > \epsilon\right\} < \eta.$$

Proof. Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 of Pyke (1968), namely, as in his (2.7) through (2.10), we are only to show that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(2.14) \quad \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (k/n)^{1/2} \rho(W_k, 0) = O_p(1),$$

$$(2.15) \quad \rho(W_n, 0) = \sup\{|W_n(t)|: t \in E^D\} = O_p(1).$$

Now, (2.14) has already been proved in Lemma 2.3, while by Theorem 3.1 of Neuhaus (1971) along with his treatment on the weak convergence of  $W_n$  to  $W$ , it follows that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive  $M_\epsilon(<\infty)$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.16) \quad & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{\rho(W_n, 0) > M_\epsilon\} \\
 & = P\{\rho(W, 0) > M_\epsilon\} < \epsilon'; \quad 0 < \epsilon' < \epsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of the lemma.

We now show that  $\{W_n\}$  is a mixing sequence in the sense of Rényi (1958).

This follows by defining

$$(2.17) \quad W'_n(t) = n^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=k_n}^n [c(t-Y_i) - G(t)] \right\}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^p,$$

where  $k_n \rightarrow \infty$  but  $n^{-1/2} k_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and noting that

$$(2.18) \quad \rho(W_n, W'_n) \leq n^{-1/2} k_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Consequently, proceeding as in the proof of Lemma 3 of Blum, Hanson and Rosenblatt (1963), we obtain from Lemma 2.4, the following.

Lemma 2.5. If  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$ , such that  
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(2.19) \quad P\left\{ \max_{k: |k-n| < \delta n} \rho(W_k, W_n) > \epsilon \mid A \right\} < \eta.$$

Let us now define

$$(2.20) \quad \omega_\delta(W_n) = \sup\{|W_n(t) - W_n(t')| : |t - t'| < \delta\}.$$

Then, from the results of section 5 of Neuhaus (1971), for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$ , such that

$$(2.21) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{\omega_\delta(W_n) > \epsilon\} < \eta.$$

Hence, again using (2.18) and Rényi's (1958) idea of mixing sequence of sets, we have for  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$(2.22) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{\omega_\delta(W_n) > \epsilon \mid A\} < \eta.$$

3. The proof of Theorem 1. Let  $[s]$  denote the largest integer  $\leq s$ . Then for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.1) \quad & P\{\rho(W_{N_V}, W_{[v\xi]}) > \epsilon\} \\
 & \leq P\{|v^{-1}N_V - \delta| \geq \delta'\} + P\{\rho(W_{N_V}, W_{[v\xi]}) > \epsilon, |v^{-1}N_V - \delta| < \delta'\} \\
 & \leq P\{|v^{-1}N_V - \xi| \geq \delta'\} + P\{k: |k - [v\xi]| < \delta'v, \max_{k: |k - [v\xi]| < \delta'v} \rho(W_k, W_{[v\xi]}) > \epsilon\}, \quad \delta' > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if  $\xi = c$ , a positive constant, with probability one [the case treated in Pyke (1968)], it readily follows from (1.6) and (2.19) that the right hand side of (3.1) can be bounded by  $\eta(>0)$  by a proper choice of  $\delta' > 0$ . The proof of the theorem then follows by noting that by the results of Neuhaus (1971), as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(3.2) \quad W_{[vc]} \xrightarrow{D} W, \text{ in the Skorokhod } J_1\text{-topology on } D^P[0,1].$$

So, in the sequel, we consider the general case of  $\xi$  having an arbitrary distribution on  $(0, \infty)$ . For every  $\eta > 0$ , there exists an  $a_0 = a_0(\eta)$ , such that

$$(3.3) \quad P\{\xi \leq a_0(\eta)\} < \frac{1}{4} \eta.$$

Consider then a countable set of events

$$(3.4) \quad A_h = \{\xi: a_0(\eta) + h\delta' < \xi \leq a_0(\eta) + (h+1)\delta'\}, \quad h=0,1,\dots,$$

and let  $a_h = a_h(\delta', \eta) = a_0(\eta) + (h + \frac{1}{2})\delta'$ ,  $h=0,1,\dots$ . Then, the right hand side of (3.1) is bounded above by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad & P\{|v^{-1}N_v - \xi| \geq \delta'\} + P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + \\
 & \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{k: \max_{|k - [v\xi]| < v\delta'} \rho(W_k, W_{[v\xi]}) > \varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h) \\
 & \leq P\{|v^{-1}N_v - \xi| \geq \delta'\} + P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + \\
 & \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} P\{k: \max_{|k - [va_h]| < \frac{3}{2}\delta'v} \rho(W_k, W_{[va_h]}) > \varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, by (1.6) and (3.3), the first two terms on the right hand side of (3.5) are bounded by  $\eta/4$  by proper choice of  $\delta' > 0$ , while by (2.19), the last term can also be bounded by  $\eta/2$ , by proper choice of  $\delta' (> 0)$ , as  $va_h \rightarrow \infty$  with  $v \rightarrow \infty$ , for every  $h > 0$ . Consequently, as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad \rho(W_N, W_{[v\xi]}) \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

Thus, it suffices to show that as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(3.7) \quad W_{[v\xi]} \xrightarrow{D} W, \text{ in the Skorokhod } J_1\text{-topology on } D^P[0,1].$$

Now, (3.2) implies the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions of  $\{W_v\}$  to those of  $W$ , while (2.15) implies that for any  $t \in E^D$ ,  $\{W_v(t): |v-n| < \delta n\}$  satisfy the "uniform continuity in probability" condition; these two conditions, in accordance with Theorem 1 of Mogorodi (1965), imply the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions of  $\{W_{[v\xi]}\}$  to those of  $W$ . So, to complete the proof of the theorem, we require to establish the 'tightness' property of  $\{W_{[v\xi]}\}$  when  $v \rightarrow \infty$ . By (1.7) and (3.5) of Neuhaus (1971), it suffices to show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ , there exists a positive  $\delta$ , such that as  $v \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(3.8) \quad P\{\omega_\delta(W_{[v\xi]}) \geq \varepsilon\} < \eta.$$



To show this, we note that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta' > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad & P\{\omega_\delta, (W_{[v\xi]}) \geq \varepsilon\} \\
 & \leq P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + P\{\omega_\delta, (W_{[v\xi]}) \geq \varepsilon, \xi > a_0(n)\} \\
 & = P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{\omega_\delta, (W_{[v\xi]}) \geq \varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h) \\
 & \leq P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{\omega_\delta, (W_{[va_h]}) \geq \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h) \\
 & \quad + \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{0(W_{[v\xi]}, W_{[va_h]}) \geq \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h) \\
 & \leq P\{\xi \leq a_0(n)\} + \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{\omega_\delta, (W_{[va_h]}) \geq \frac{2}{3}\varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h) \\
 & \quad + \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} P\{k: |k - [va_h]| < \frac{1}{2}\delta', v \in (W_k, W_{[va_h]}) \geq \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon | A_h\} P(A_h),
 \end{aligned}$$

which, by (3.3), (2.22) and (2.19), can be made smaller than  $\eta(>0)$  by a proper choice of  $\delta'(>0)$ . Q.E.D.

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